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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Amending United States Treasury quarantine regulations—Cuba concerned.

[Circular No. 43.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., April 26, 1902.

*Collectors of customs, quarantine officers of the
United States, and others concerned :*

In view of the improved conditions in the ports of Cuba, and the fact that there has been no yellow fever reported in that island in 1902, to the present date, the season of close quarantine for yellow fever (*i. e.*, the season during which detention of personnel and disinfection of vessels from infected ports is demanded) against the island of Cuba, is hereby postponed to June 1, 1902, provided that the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service is authorized to put in effect the close quarantine immediately should changed conditions require it. The postponement does not obviate the necessity of inspection, and applies only to the island of Cuba.

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Inspection service at Eastport, Me.

EASTPORT, ME., April 24, 1902.

SIR: I beg to submit the following report of work done at this inspection station during the week ended Thursday, April 24, 1902 :

Vessels inspected.

| Date. | Vessel. | From. | For. | Crew. | Passengers. | |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | For East- port. | In trans- it. |
| Apr. 17 | U. S. str. Lilac..... | Portland, Me..... | Eastport..... | 16 | ..... | ..... |
| Do..... | Sc. Fred G. Holder.... | New York..... |do..... | 5 | ..... | ..... |
| Do..... | Sc. Mary F. Pike..... |do..... |do..... | 4 | ..... | ..... |
| Do..... | Ss. Aurora..... | St. Stephen, New Brunswick. | Eastport and Grand Manan, New Brunswick. | 8 | 1 | 14 |
| Apr. 19 | Ss. St. Croix..... | Boston and Portland.. | Eastport and St. John, New Brunswick. | 61 | 35 | 30 |
| Do..... | Ss. H. F. Eaton..... | Calais, Me..... | Eastport..... | 10 | 10 | ..... |
| Apr. 20 | Ss. St. Croix..... | St. John, New Brunswick. | Portland and Boston..... | 61 | 6 | 75 |
| Apr. 22 | Ss. H. F. Eaton..... | Calais, Me..... | Eastport..... | 10 | 15 | 10 |
| Do..... | Ss. Cumberland..... | Boston and Portland.. | Eastport and St. John, New Brunswick. | 60 | 27 | 23 |
| Apr. 23 | Sc. Mary L. Newton..... | Boston..... | Eastport..... | 5 | ..... | ..... |
| Do..... | Ss. Aurora..... | St. John, New Brunswick. | Eastport and Grand Manan, New Brunswick. | 8 | 2 | 8 |
| Do..... | Ss. Cumberland..... |do..... | Portland and Boston..... | 60 | 5 | 45 |
| Do..... | Ss. H. F. Eaton..... | Calais, Me..... | Eastport..... | 10 | 10 | ..... |

I visited St. John, New Brunswick, on April 19 and had a pleasant interview with Dr. March, who has charge of the quarantine station, and Dr. T. D. Walker, United States medical inspector. Both give encouraging reports of affairs at St. John. My thanks are due the Island Steamship Company for courtesies shown me.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. SMALL,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island of vessels from West Indian and Mexican ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., April 20, 1902.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels:

April 17, American schooner *Montana*, from Caibarien via Baracoa, with cocoanuts; no passengers; Caibarien bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco; Baracoa bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Llorens Llorens. April 19, Dutch steamship *Vlieland*, from Havana via Cardenas and Matanzas, with sugar; no passengers; Havana bill of health signed by Surg. A. H. Glennan; Cardenas bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez; Matanzas bill of health signed by P. A. Surg. G. M. Guitéras; British steamship *Mexicano*, from Tampico, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Samuel E. Magill, consul.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Eagle Pass, Tex., April 21, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to report the following transactions at this port for the week ended April 19, 1902: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 7; number of passengers on trains from Mexico inspected and passed, 205; passengers from Vera Cruz detained, 4; special inspection of passengers from Vera Cruz, 6; trunks from Vera Cruz disinfected, 8.

B. KINSELL,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

El Paso, Tex., April 19, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit herewith summary of transactions at this station for the week ended April 19, 1902. Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 208; inspection of Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 15; inspection of immigrants, 89; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 489 pieces; vaccination of children of immigrants, 9.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., April 22, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended April 19, 1902: Number of passenger trains entering from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on trains entering from Mexico inspected and passed, 548; immigrants inspected and passed, 23; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 7.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.